

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Minutes of the Meeting of
Tuesday, 15 September 2015, Sunset Room, Northern Greens Resort, Nipawin, SK

Present: E. Bourassa , R. Brandvold, M. Brigham, L. Elliott, P. Klein, D. Kwochka (Chair), P. Maze, D. Peters, V. Timmons, J. Tomkins, C. Warner

Resource: D. Button, T. Chase, L. Jankowski (recording secretary), D. Malloy, A. Revet

Guest: D. Eisler, K. McKechney

Call to order: 8:05 a.m.

Chair D. Kwochka provided a welcome to all at the meeting. The Board of Governors was asked to declare a conflict of interest with any of the items discussed at the meeting. One perceived conflict was discussed that had been raised at Finance and Facilities and it was agreed that there was no conflict.

The Chair reminded Board members to send their feedback regarding the Board Retreat program.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Item 3.1 De-Brief Discussion from Dr. Begay's Presentation was added to the agenda as a discussion item and item 5.1 was changed from a decision item to an information item.

Maze - Warner

Moved approval of the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of 7 July 2015

It was agreed to take out the last paragraph in item 5.5.

Brigham - Bourassa

Moved approval of the minutes as amended.

CARRIED

• Business Arising

3.1 De-brief Discussion from Dr. Begay's Presentation

There was a debrief on Dr. Begay's presentation from the Sunday afternoon Board retreat session. President Timmons summarized the discussion and the next steps she will take to support the indigenization of the University of Regina.

Following the discussion, it was agreed that the President would report back to the Board on progress of the follow-up items.

4. Strategic Item(s)

4.1 Strategic Presentations

4.1.1 Tri-Council Funding and Research Clusters Overview, Page 19 of the Agenda

President Timmons introduced D. Malloy, Vice-President (Research) who provided a presentation to the Board on tri-council funding and an overview of the research clusters.

4.1.2 Crisis Communications, Page 54 of the Agenda

President Timmons introduced K. McKechny, Director, Communications and Marketing who provided a presentation to the Board on Crisis Communications. Discussion followed.

Following the discussion, it was agreed that Board members should be provided a University identification number in order to have the ability to access the University App which was recently implemented with the emergency notification system called Alertus.

(The Board had a brief recess at 9:40 a.m. and D. Eisler and K. McKechny withdrew from the meeting. The Board reconvened at 9:55 a.m.)

5. Administrative Item(s)

5.1 FNUUniv: Transitional Agreement, Page 73 of the Agenda

C. Warner presented the item for information and summarized the discussions held at the Governance and Nominations Committee meeting. Management updated the Board on the status of the Advisory Services Agreement with First Nations University of Canada. Discussion followed. It was agreed that the item would be deferred to the December Board meeting.

5.2 Membership in the Community Safety Knowledge Alliance, Page 94 of the Agenda

Elliott - Brigham

That the Board of Governors approve:

- (a) the University of Regina becoming a Class A, Subdivision II member of the Community Safety Knowledge Alliance Inc. (the "CSKA"), a non-profit charitable corporation registered in the Province of Saskatchewan;*
- (b) the University of Regina entering into the Pooling Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto (Attachment A); and*
- (c) the appointment (by the President) of a University representative to sit as a Director on the Board of CSKA.*

L. Elliott presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting. Discussion followed. It was agreed there was minimal risk to join the alliance. Management addressed all questions raised by the Board.

D. Malloy will report back to the Board as required.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

5.3 Policy – Sexual Assault-and-Violence, Page 109 of the Agenda

Bourassa - Warner

That the Board of Governors approve the Sexual Assault-and-Violence policy (Attachment A).

E. Bourassa presented the item for approval and summarized the discussions held at the committee meeting. Bourassa outlined the non-material changes the Committee suggested to some of the language used in the policy and noted there was typo on Page 5. It was also pointed out that given that this is a new policy, the first review cycle will be set at two years. The changes are *appended to the Minutes as Appendix 1.*

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

5.4 Amend the University of Regina Supplementary Executive Retirement Plan, Page 121 of the Agenda

Maze - Klein

That the Board of Governors amends the Plan (as outlined in Attachment A) to clarify that the rate of investment return credited to SERP accounts will be the annual rate of return generated by the University of Regina's Trust and Endowment Fund (either positive or negative).

P. Maze presented the item for approval which was recommended by the Human Resources Committee.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

R. Brandvold declared a potential conflict with item 5.5 as he is a fund manager for Luther College. It was agreed there was no conflict.

5.5 University Dining Facility – Partnership with Luther College, Page 143 of the Agenda

Elliott - Brigham

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to hire a consultant to build a business plan in order to assess the viability of a University Dining Facility in partnership with Luther College at a cost of up to \$250,000.

L. Elliott presented the item and summarized the discussions from the committee meeting. President Timmons provided context to the Board regarding the potential partnership between the University of Regina and Luther College and the scope of work involved with the project. Discussion followed.

Following the discussion, it was agreed to amend the motion with a friendly amendment to read as follows:

That the Board of Governors authorize the University to hire a consultant to build a business plan in order to assess the viability of a University Dining Facility in partnership with Luther College, and potentially to include some or all of the following:

- *Main University Dining Hall;*
- *Luther Dining Hall;*
- *Fine Dining Facility;*
- *Conference Facility (joint use with some of the items below);*
- *ESL expansion including Home stay program, classrooms and offices;*
- *Bookstore downsized facility;*
- *Nursing;*

at a cost of up to \$250,000.

The question was called on the amended motion.

CARRIED

5.6 2015-16 Board Meeting Schedule, Page 146 of the Agenda

Warner - Tomkins

That the Board of Governors approves that the 2015-16 Board meeting schedule be amended so that the Board meeting would be July 6, 2016 Board meeting and that the Board Committee meetings be set for July 5, 2016.

C. Warner presented the item for approval. Management noted that the 2016-2017 Board Schedule will be approved at the December Board meeting.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6. Consensus Items

6.1 2015-16 Terms of Reference and Annual Work Plans for the Board of Governors and its Standing Committees, Page 150 of the Board Agenda

Maze - Brandvold

That the Board of Governors approves the amendments to the Terms of Reference and the Annual Work Plans for the Board of Governors and its Standing Committees (respectively Attachments A, B,C, D, E and F are blacklined).

A. Revet reported that all Board committees recommended the terms of reference and work plans for approval. E. Bourassa outlined the changes with the Audit and Risk Management Committee work plan which are shown and *appended to the Minutes as Appendix 2*. One of the changes was to move, ‘Offer financial refresher training to Board members and resources’ to the Governance and Nominations Committee work plan since this Committee deals with professional development for Board members.

The question was called on the motion.

CARRIED

6.2 2015 Board Skills Matrix Rating Report, Page 169 of the Board Agenda

C. Warner presented the item and reviewed the results of the survey. No questions were raised by the Board.

7. Reports (*For Information*)

7.1 Chair, *Verbal Report*

The Chair provided an update on his recent events and activities that were attended since August 1st. He also presented the following items as part of his report:

- Planning to schedule an introductory meeting with officials from the University of Saskatchewan in order to meet the Board Chair and University Secretary.
- Participated in the Ad Hoc Committee meeting held on September 8th
- Advised the Board that the Board Holiday Dinner will be held on December 7th at the Hotel Saskatchewan.
- Harvey Weingarten is tentatively booked to give a presentation to the Board at the December Board meeting. Harvey is the President and CEO of the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) since July 1, 2010.

7.2 Chancellor, *Verbal Report*

The Chancellor provided a verbal report on the activities attended since the last Board meeting. Reported that the next Senate Meeting will be held on October 16th and there was a Senate Appeals hearing held in August.

7.3 President's Report, Page 176 of the Board Agenda

President Timmons presented the report for information and provided an overview of the objectives outlined in the report. Discussion followed. The President addressed all questions raised with respect to her report.

7.3.1 Enrolments and Student Financial Support, Page 187 of the Board Agenda

The Provost reported on enrolments as of September 8th which is the highest enrolments to date at 14,360 with an increase in credit hours of 3%.

7.4 URSU President, Page 193 of the Board Agenda

D. Peters presented the report for information and noted that work continues with moving the U-Pass forward with the City of Regina.

7.5 Committee Chair Highlights, *Verbal Report*

The Committee Chairs provided summaries from the discussions held at the Committee meetings, addressing any questions or observations from the information that was provided.

(L. Jankowski withdrew at 11:10 a.m.)

8. *In Camera Session I:* 11:10 a.m.

(The Vice-President's withdrew at 11:30 a.m.)

8.1 Recommendation from Ad Hoc Committee, *circulated confidentially*

8.2 2015 Board Evaluation Survey Results, *circulated confidentially*

The item is appended to the Official File.

8.3 *In Camera* Minutes of 7 July 2015, *circulated confidentially*

(President Timmons withdrew from the meeting at 11:55 a.m.)

9. *In Camera* Session II: 11:55 a.m.

10. Adjournment – 12:06 p.m. Moved by Peters.



Annette Revet
University Secretary



Daniel Kwochka
Chair